

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application. Claim 6 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tekeuchi, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,987). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 6 defined that the axis of the suction port is offset from the axis of the nozzle. This design is illustrated in Figure 9 of the present application. Takeuchi, et al. does not disclose, teach or suggest having this offset of axes. In order to better clarify this feature, Claim 6 has been amended to define that the central axis of the suction port is linearly offset from the central axis of the nozzle such that the two axes do not intersect with each other.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 6, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are allowed over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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